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May 4, 2016

Ellis Brown  
Brown Brothers Construction  
90 North 200 East  
Loa, Utah 84747-0249

Subject: Extension Request, Brown Brothers Construction, Natural Buttes Mine, S/047/0108 Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is in receipt of your request for an extension of the time to reclaim a portion of the Natural Buttes mine. The abatement requirements of Cessation Order MC-2016-60-03 included a provision to reclaim 17.7 acres by May 24, 2016, and you requested that the abatement for this requirement be extended until August 31, 2016. The Division is granting an extension until September 30, 2016, instead. The Division recommends reclaiming in the fall with seeding in late-fall for a better chance of revegetation success.

Attached is a recommended seed mix. The Division recommends broadcast seeding as soon as possible after surface preparation work has been completed while the soil is still loose and before any precipitation.

Please contact the Division to schedule a site inspection while the grading work is being undertaken. Once the Division inspection staff approves of the reclamation, the cessation order will be terminated and you will be permitted to resume mining.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact the lead April Abate at 801-538-5214 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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Attachment: Basin Seed mix

cc: Andy Bedingfield, SITLA (abedingfield@utah.gov)

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If on SITLA property

Vavilov Siberian wheatgrass	3.0 pls per acre
Squirreldail	2.0 pls per acre
Wyoming big sage	0.5 pls per acre
Shadscale	2.0 pls per acre
Fourwing Saltbush	2.0 pls per acre
Western Wheatgrass	1.0 pls per acre
Forage Kochia	0.5 pls per acre